Attachment A – Clean – **Zoning Ordinance** Sections 6977 Organic Materials Processing, 6902 Large Commercial Organic Materials Processing, Updates to Various Sections (Cross-References), Use & **Enclosure Matrix**

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO ORGANIC MATERIAL PROCESSING STANDARDS FOR THE PROCESSING OF ORGANIC MATERIALS IN THE UNINCORPORATED SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Code of Regulatory Ordinances (Sections 6977 ORGANIC MATERIALS PROCESSING, 6902 LARGE COMMERCIAL ORGANIC MATERIALS PROCESSING, 1110 GENERAL TERMS, 6157 COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, 6156 RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USE TYPES, 6912 COMMUNITY GARDENS, 1513 RECYCLING PROCESSING FACILITY, 1730 LARGE COMMERCIAL ORGANIC PROCESSING, 1735 PACKING AND PROCESSING, 6975 RECYCLING PROCESSING FACILITY, 1740 AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE, 2702 PERMITTED USES, 2703 PERMITTED USES SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS, 2704 USES SUBJECT TO A MINOR USE PERMIT, 2705 USES SUBJECT TO A MAJOR USE PERMIT, 2980 LIMITATIONS ON PERMITTED USE, 2990 USE MATRIX, 7359 FINDINGS REQUIRED FOR PARTICULAR USE PERMITS, Title 6, Use & Enclosure Matrix) pertaining to the processing of organic materials management provides a uniform and comprehensive set of Organic Material Processing standards for the processing of organic materials in the unincorporated San Diego County.

Section 2. Section 6977 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to read as follows:

6977 ORGANIC MATERIALS PROCESSING.

a. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of these regulations is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of Organic Material Processing standards for the processing of organic materials in the unincorporated San Diego County. The regulations contained herein are intended to divert organic materials from landfills, increase the reuse of organic materials and the efficiency of organic materials processing, promote healthy soils, and support the environmental health of San Diego County. Unless otherwise stated, all referenced permits relate to land use and zoning. Permits by other agencies may be required.

b. **Definitions.**

- "Organic Materials" refers to agricultural material, food material, vegetative food material, and green material as defined by Title 14 of California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Division 7, Chapter 3.1 (CalRecycle).
- 2. "Organic Materials Processing" refers to operations that include but are not limited to static piles, windrow, in-vessel, vermicomposting, and mushroom farming. All other organic processes are subject to additional discretionary review. New methods of Organic Materials Processing not currently considered by CalRecycle may be permitted subject to additional discretionary review as determined by the Director of Planning & Development Services or his or her

designee and as guided by this section.

- c. **Agricultural Operations.** Organic Materials Processing may occur as an accessory use on any site where an active agricultural operation is present as follows:
 - 1. In all Use Regulations where agricultural operations allowed:
 - i. All materials to be processed must be derived onsite or as otherwise permitted under c.6 below.
 - ii. A maximum of 1,000 cubic yards of finished compost may be donated annually, unless or as otherwise prohibited.
 - 2. In the A70, A72, C37, C38, C40, S88, S90, S92, M50, M52, M54, M56, and M58 Use Regulations, except village residential and village commercial land use designations:
 - i. Organic materials from any source may be processed onsite.
 - ii. Finished product may be sold or donated in any amount or as otherwise permitted or restricted under c.6 below, providers of organic materials may share in the finished product.
 - 3. Finished product will be considered an agricultural product. Sales will be limited to the Use Regulations indicated within 6157(a), or as otherwise permitted in the administrative or use permit.
 - 4. Chipping and Grinding can only occur as an accessory use to support agricultural operations and cannot be the primary organic materials processing use. If chipping and grinding is intended to be the primary organic material processing use, then the operation would be classified as a Recycling Processing Facility, Wood, and Green Materials pursuant to Section 1513(c) and be subject to all permitting requirements for such a facility.
 - 5. Subject to operational, siting, and permitting requirements set forth in Sections (f), (g), and (h) herein.
 - 6. For the purposes of this Section, the following may be treated as a single agricultural operation and share organic materials and finished product between sites:
 - i. Various parcels under the same ownership or leased by the same owner; or
 - ii. Groups of independent agricultural operations at the discretion of the Director of Planning & Development Services based on the proximity of operations and a determination of no adverse impact to the health, safety, and welfare of surrounding properties. Notice must be submitted to the County's Planning & Development Services to confirm independent agricultural operations are acting as a group. Notice shall identify the participating properties, provide contacts for each, and indicate which site(s) will be sending and receiving materials. Sales of product is prohibited, as defined in 2ii above.
 - 7. Agricultural Permitting Requirements per County of San Diego Organic Materials Processing volume limits and associated permits described as follows:

Agricultural Operations or Organic Materials Processing (as indicated above in subsection c.1.)

- i. Agricultural Feedstock can be processed with unlimited volumes and no permit is required.
- ii. Agricultural + Green Feedstock can be processed with unlimited volumes and no permit is required.
- iii. Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food Feedstock can be processed with unlimited volumes and no permit is required.
- iv. Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food + Food Feedstock can be processed with unlimited volumes and no permit is required.
- v. In-vessel Agricultural materials can be processed with unlimited volumes and no permit is required.
- vi. In-vessel Agricultural + Dairy + Food materials can be processed with unlimited volumes and no permit is required.

Agricultural Operations (as indicated above in subsection c.2.)

- vii. Agricultural Feedstock (used onsite) any volume of materials requires a Zoning Verification Permit.
- viii. Agricultural + Green Feedstock can be processed up to 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at a given time and will require a Zoning Verification Permit. Anything over 100 cubic yards up to 12,500 cubic yards at a given time will require an Administrative Permit and anything over 12,500 cubic yards will require a Minor Use Permit.
- ix. Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food Feedstock can be processed up to 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at a given time and will require a Zoning Verification Permit. Anything over 100 cubic yards up to 12,500 cubic yards at a given time will require an Administrative Permit and anything over 12,500 cubic yards will require a Minor Use Permit.
- x. Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food + Food Feedstock can be processed up to 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at a given time and will require a Zoning Verification Permit. Anything over 100 cubic yards at a given time will require a Minor Use Permit.
- xi. In-vessel Agricultural + Dairy + Food (used onsite) any amount requires a Zoning Verification Permit.

In-vessel Operations/Facilities (defined by tons per day or tons per week)

- xii. In-vessel processing anything up to 15 tons per day and not to exceed 105 tons per week will require a Zoning Verification Permit.
- xiii. In-vessel processing anything over 15 tons per day and does not exceed 100 tons per day will require an Administrative Permit.
- xiv. In-vessel organic processing anything over 100 tons per day or 700 tons per week will require a Minor Use Permit.

- d. **Community Gardens.** Organic Materials Processing may occur as an accessory use to a community garden as permitted by Section 6912 Community Gardens with the following additional regulations and allowances:
 - 1. No permits are required if the total organic material volume onsite at any one time does not exceed 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at a given time used for organic material processing.
 - 2. Offsite organic materials from any source may be received for processing onsite.
 - 3. Finished compost may be donated in any amount. All sales are prohibited.
 - 4. Chipping and Grinding can only occur as an accessory use to support community garden operations and cannot be the primary organic materials processing use.
 - 5. Subject to operational, siting, and permitting requirements set forth in Sections (f), (g), and (h) herein.
- e. Community Composting. Organic Materials Processing may occur as an accessory use as follows:
 - 1. On any site where an active agricultural operation is present and/or in the RS, RD, RM, RV, RU, RMH, RR, RRO, and RC Use Regulations:
 - i. The total organic material volume onsite at any one time shall not exceed 20 cubic yards for organic material processing. No permit is required.
 - ii. Processing of organic materials must occur within an enclosed container.
 - iii. Organic materials processed shall be limited to vegetative food material, and green material only. Except if the organic materials processing activity is occurring on land with active agriculture, then agricultural materials may be included.
 - iv. Offsite organic materials from any source per e.1.iii may be received for processing onsite.
 - v. Finished compost may be donated in any amount. All sales are prohibited.
 - vi. Chipping and grinding is prohibited.
- f. **Commercial Operations.** Organic Materials Processing may occur as a primary commercial use as follows:
 - 1. In the A70, A72, C37, C38, C40, M50, M52, M54, M56, M58, S80, S82, S86, S88, S90, S92, and S94 Use Regulations:
 - i. The total organic material volume onsite at any one time shall not exceed 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet. Should organic material processing exceed 100 cubic yards or 15 tons per day of material as indicated in subsection f.2 then the provisions pursuant to Section 6902 would apply.
 - ii. Offsite organic materials from any source may be received for processing onsite.
 - iii. Finished product may be sold or donated in any amount, unless limited by the administrative or use permit.
 - iv. Chipping and Grinding can only occur as an accessory use to support commercial operations and cannot be the primary organic materials processing use. If chipping and grinding is intended to be the primary use, then it must comply with Sections 1513 and 6975.
 - v. Subject to operational, siting, and permitting requirements set forth in Sections (f), (g), and (h) herein.

- vi. Any property constrained by an easement for the protection of sensitive resources, including but not limited to biological or agricultural resources, or is located within or immediately adjacent to an existing or proposed Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) planned preserve (e.g., Pre-Approved Mitigation Area, Priority Conservation Area, Focused Conservation Area) will require, at minimum, an Administrative Permit regardless of volume or material processed.
- vii. Management of Organic Materials Processing shall align with the current General Waste Discharge Requirements for Commercial Composting Operations of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Commercial Operations (as indicated in subsection f.1)

- xv. Agricultural + Green Feedstock⁽¹⁾ can be processed up to 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at any given time with a Zoning Verification Permit.
- xvi. Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food Feedstock⁽¹⁾ can be processed up to 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at any given time with a Zoning Verification Permit.
- xvii. Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food + Food Feedstock⁽¹⁾ can be processed up to 100 cubic yards or 750 square feet at any given time with a Zoning Verification Permit.

In-vessel Operations/Facilities

xviii. In-vessel organic processing with anything up to 15 tons per day or up to 105 tons per week will require an Administrative Permit.

Note 1: Materials may be processed within an enclosed container as described for these volumes and permits.

- g. **Operational Requirements**. Unless otherwise provided, all Organic Materials Processing must comply with the following operational requirements:
 - 1. Organic Materials Processing operations are subject to the volume and material limitations set forth in Title 14 of California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Division 7, Chapter 3.1 (CalRecycle).
 - 2. Processing of meat and dairy products must occur within an enclosed container, in-vessel, or as otherwise described in the administrative or use permit.
 - 3. Stormwater runoff from processing site(s) and leachate shall be managed to meet the standards of all federal, state, and local water permits.
 - 4. Application of water for organic materials processing on site shall be managed to reduce the generation of wastewater.
 - 5. During a weather event, organic materials shall be completely covered, or equivalent measures implemented, to reduce the generation of wastewater runoff.
 - 6. Operations and compost width and height shall comply with the current provisions or future amendments adopted by the County of San Diego for the San Diego County Consolidated Fire Code Section 96.1.2808.

- 7. Chipping and grinding operations, including setup, preparation, or close up, as indicated by c, d, e, and f shall not occur before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.
- 8. On-site sales shall not occur before 7:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise provided as a condition of an Administrative or Use permit.
- 9. Organic Materials Processing shall be conducted in a manner so as not to become a nuisance to surrounding properties and shall be managed to:
 - i. Prevent the migration of agricultural pests identified by the horticultural pest and disease control boards (Department of Environmental Health and Quality and Agriculture, Weights, and Measures guidelines) as applicable.
 - ii. Minimize odors, litter, vectors, and dust per CCR Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3.1 Article 6 Composting Operating Standards and Chapter 3.2 Article 3 Operating Standards for In-Vessel Digestion Operations and Facilities as applicable. The Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is authorized on behalf of the State to enforce CCR Title 14. Division 7, Chapters 3.1 Compostable Materials Handling Operations and Facilities Regulatory Requirements and Chapter 3.2 In-Vessel Digestion Operations and Facilities Regulatory Requirements.
 - iii. Control air contaminants such as dust and odors to prevent migration beyond the property boundary.
 - iv. Minimize operational noise, hazards, or litter beyond the property boundaries; and,
 - v. Control noise levels so as not to exceed limits set by the San Diego County Noise Ordinance, Section 36.404 as measured at the property line of the property on which the noise is produced or at any location on a property that is receiving the noise.
- 10. Organic Materials Processing operations shall be conducted to minimize impact to sensitive habitats or species, such as but not limited to breeding seasons, riparian habitats, wildlife corridors, etc. including compliance with all Federal, State, and Local regulations.
- 11. The Organic Materials Operator shall prepare, implement, and maintain site operations to ensure that any type of composting operations implement best practicable treatment and control that meets pathogen reduction requirements as specified in CCR Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3.1, Section 17868.3 and Chapter 3.2, Section 17896.60.
- h. **Siting Requirements.** Unless otherwise provided, Organic Materials Processing operations must comply with the following siting requirements:
 - 1. All operations must be sited a minimum of 100 feet from any existing groundwater well and/or nearest surface water body.
 - 2. All operations must be sited a minimum of 50 feet from any local, state or federally protected wetlands and sensitive habitat.
 - 3. Operations sited within a known Floodplain or Special Flood Hazard Areas as identified by the County of San Diego, Dept. Public Works Flood Control Division maps and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps shall be in compliance with County of San Diego's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Division 11, Section 811.
 - 4. Composting in an enclosed container can occur up to three feet from property lines as long as the enclosure is no taller than 42". All other composting practices shall meet main building setbacks established by the applicable designators, indicated in Section 4810 Setback Schedule.

- 5. Organic material processing is excluded from the enclosure matrix as indicated in Section 6816.
- 6. Screening shall comply with Section 6700 Screening and Fencing Requirements for the applicable zone in which the use is located.
- 7. The composting area shall be sited to prevent, to the greatest extent possible, ponding, inundation, and erosion impacts.
- i. An Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP) shall be submitted to the County Planning & Development Services when required by CCR Title 14, Division 7, Chapters 3.1 and 3.2.
- j. A Best Management Practice Plan (BMP Plan) is required for all Organic Material Processing. The BMP Plan shall demonstrate compliance with sections (g) and (h) contained herein and shall include, but not be limited to, the type(s) of materials to be processed, siting, access, drainage, management of pests, minimization of odors, noise, dust, and description of the general operations.
- k. The County reserves the right to inspect the organic composting site annually, or as otherwise provided in the applicable permit, upon provision of reasonable notice, to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

Section 3. Section 6902 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

6902 LARGE COMMERCIAL ORGANIC MATERIALS PROCESSING.

The provisions of this Section and purpose of these regulations is to allow organic material processing as a primary use for commercial scale operations to divert organics materials from landfills.

Organic Materials and Organic Materials Processing refers to the processing of agricultural material, food material, vegetative food material, and green material as defined in Section 6977, subsection b.1 and 2. Standards and requirements for commercial operations are defined below and referenced within the Organic Materials Ordinance in Section 6977.

Processing operations shall comply with the following provision:

- a. Location. No processing operation shall be located closer than 1/2 mile from property in a zone which does not permit large commercial organic processing operations; provided that this requirement need not be met if the Director of Planning & Development Services, Planning Commission, or Board of Supervisors finds that a closer location will not adversely affect property in a zone which does not permit large commercial organic processing because of one or more of the following circumstances:
 - 1. The effect of natural topography will largely negate any adverse influences of the processing operations on property in such zone; or
 - 2. The property in such zone is vacant or essentially vacant due to its topography, location, access, or other factors, and is not reasonably expected to be developed within the time period for which the administrative permit or use permit is granted.

- b. Minimum Site Area. No processing operation shall be established or maintained on a lot or parcel unless such lot or parcel is 5 acres or more in area, except operations qualifying for an administrative permit may occur on parcels smaller than 5 acres if the County finds that the location, size, design, and operating characteristics of the proposed use will be compatible with adjacent uses, residents, buildings, or structures.
- c. Setback. No building, machinery or stockpile in connection with the operation subject to this section shall be maintained closer than 1,000 feet from the nearest pool, tennis court, public playground or dwelling located outside the boundary of the parcel or contiguous parcels associated with the processing operation at the time the applicable permit is granted. This requirement need not be met if the Director of Planning & Development Services, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors finds that the processing operations will not create significant adverse impacts to residences or other facilities listed above within said 1,000 feet and that of the applicable permit findings at Section 7060 and 7358 can be made.
- d. Operation Plan. The applicant shall submit with their application plans, specifications and a description of the operation in sufficient detail so that the proposed operation can be fully evaluated as to any potential adverse effects on surrounding territory. Such plans shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following:
 - 1. Site Plan showing the location of all structures and functions of the operation.
 - 2. A description of machinery, process, products, organic materials to be processed with associated volumes, and organic processing practice.
 - 3. Specifications for the mechanisms and techniques to be used in the suppression of odors, air contaminants and flies at all times before, during and after the processing operation.
 - 4. A Best Management Practices Plan (BMP Plan) and Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP) is required for commercial organic operations. Requirements are defined in Section 6977, subsection i and j.
- e. Director of Environmental Health and Quality Review. The Director of Environmental Health and Quality shall review all applications and make recommendations thereon, including recommendations as to conditions deemed necessary to assure adequate minimization of odors, air contaminants, flies and other hazards of the public health.
- f. Water Quality Control Board Review. The Director of Planning & Development Services shall send a copy of each application to the appropriate California Regional Water Quality Control Board for information and, if said Board so elects, for recommendation to the Approving Authority.

g. Permitting Requirements. County of San Diego Commercial Organic Materials Processing volume limits and associated permits are described as follows:

Commercial Operations (1)(2)

- Agricultural + Green Feedstock can be processed up to 12,500 cubic yards at any given time with an Administrative Permit. Anything over 12,500 cubic yards at a given time will require a Major Use Permit.
- Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food Feedstock can be processed up to 12,500 cubic yards at a given time with an Administrative Permit. Anything over 12,500 cubic yards at a given time will require a Major Use Permit.
- Agricultural + Green + Vegetative Food + Food Feedstock in any amount requires a Major Use Permit.

Large In-vessel Operations/Facilities

• In-vessel organic processing with anything over 15 tons per day will require an Administrative Permit. Anything over 100 tons per day or 700 tons per week will require a Major Use Permit.

Note 1: If a commercial organic materials operation is less than 100 cubic yards at a given time, refer to Section 6977 for permitting requirements.

Note 2: Anaerobic digestion systems for commercial processing of organic materials are permitted under this section.

Section 4. Section 1110 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows [items will be inserted alphabetically]:

1110 GENERAL TERMS

Aerated Static Piles: Piles are made the same way as static piles, except these have a system to let more air in. The system can be as simple as a pallet under the bin or as elaborate as PVC tubing with forced air inserted into the pile. More air helps the system work faster.

Aerobic Decomposition: Is the decomposition of organic materials primarily by aerobic microbes under controlled conditions

Agricultural Materials: Is any waste material of plant or animal origin, which results directly from the conduct of agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture, aquaculture, silviculture, vermiculture, viticulture and similar activities undertaken to produce food or fiber for human or animal consumption. Agricultural material includes, but is not limited to, manures, orchard and vineyard pruning, grape pomace, and crop residues.

Anaerobic Decomposition: Is a biological decomposition of organic substances in the absence of oxygen.

Community Composting: Refers to the scale and geographic focus of the composting activities. This type of composting is small in scale (20 cubic yard maximum) and is meant to facilitate composting on the neighborhood level. Community composting is not commercial and can occur within residential and agricultural settings.

Chipping and Grinding: Is any activity that mechanically reduces the size of greenwaste and woodwaste to be used for a variety of applications.

Enclosed Containers: Is any enclosure that is a static drum, wood bins, carts, enclosures (fabricated or purchased) or other container for the purpose of producing compost, maintained under uniform conditions of temperature and moisture where air-borne emissions are controlled. This is a good method for smaller community gardens with limited space.

Feedstock: Is any compostable material used in the production of compost or chipped and ground material including, but not limited to, agricultural material, green material, vegetative food material, food material, biosolids, digestate, and mixed material. Feedstocks shall not be considered as either additives or amendments.

Food Materials: Is any waste material of plant or animal origin that results from the preparation or processing of food for animal or human consumption. Food material includes, but is not limited to, food waste from food facilities as defined in California Health and Safety Code, food processing establishments, grocery stores, institutional cafeterias (such as prisons, schools, and hospitals), and residential food scrap collection.

Green Materials: Refers to any plant material except food material and vegetative food material. Green material includes, but is not limited to, tree and yard trimmings, untreated wood wastes, natural fiber products, wood waste from silviculture and manufacturing, and construction and demolition wood waste.

In-vessel: These in-vessel systems can compost anywhere from a few pounds to over 60 tons a day. Is an aerobic process in which compostable material is enclosed in a static or motorized drum or other container for the purpose of producing compost, maintained under uniform conditions of temperature and moisture where air-borne emissions are controlled. This is a good method for smaller community gardens with limited space. Larger commercial facilities in-vessel systems are fully automated with sensors to monitor temperature, oxygen, and moisture.

Mushroom Farming: Is any activity that produces mushrooms within a substrate mix usually consisting of chopped straw, poultry and horse manure, gypsum, nitrogen-containing compounds, and water. The leftover soil (mushroom compost) can be used as an soil amendment to improve water infiltration, holding capacity, permeability, and aeration.

Organic Materials: Refers to agricultural material, food material, vegetative food material, and green material as defined by Title 14 of California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Division 7, Chapter 3.1 (CalRecycle).

Organic Materials Processing: Refers to operations that include but are not limited to static piles, windrow, in-vessel, vermicomposting, and mushroom farming. All other organic processes are subject to additional discretionary review. New methods of Organic Materials Processing not currently considered by CalRecycle may be permitted subject to additional discretionary review as determined by the Director of Planning & Development Services or his or her designee and as guided by this section.

Static Piles: Compostable materials are piled up, paying special attention to the mix of carbon materials, like leaves or wood chips, and nitrogen materials, like food waste or fresh grass. The pile is then turned regularly and kept moist. This method can take up to six months or a year to create compost.

Vegetative Food Materials: Refers to any food material that is plant based. Vegetative food material may be processed or cooked but must otherwise retain its essential natural character and no salts, preservatives, fats or oils, or adulterants have been added. Vegetative food material includes, but is not limited to, fruits and vegetables, edible flowers, and plants, outdated and spoiled produce, and coffee grounds.

Vermicomposting: This kind of composting uses red wiggler (eisenia foetida) worms and microorganisms to do the work of composting. Food waste is broken down and consumed, leaving behind worm castings, a highly valued fertilizer. These systems are also available in a variety of sizes ranging from a 10-gallon (2lb/day) system up to a continuous flow system that could manage all a small home or agricultural farming food waste (over 60 tons/day).

Windrow: Compostable materials are mixed and placed in long, narrow piles at least 4-ft high and can range up to 100 feet long. This method requires a lot of space and heavy machinery such as a front-end loader and/or windrow turner. Windrows can be covered or not. This method is often used for agricultural operations or municipalities

Section 5. Section 6157 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

6157 COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS

Subject to the restrictions and limitations specified, the following accessory buildings and uses shall be permitted in zones where Commercial Agriculture operations are permitted. The Commercial Agriculture use must be the principle use of the property.

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- h. Poultry Manure Management. Poultry manure management practices involving drying and disposal of manure produced on site or brought to a poultry ranch from another poultry ranch owned or operated by the same person(s), provided the receiving site is zoned with an animal regulations designator where the small animal raising animal use type is permitted without a limit on the number of poultry allowed.
- i. Organic Materials Processing. Organic materials processing shall be allowed as accessory to a Commercial Agriculture operation in accordance with Section 6977 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 6. Section 6156 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

6156 RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USE TYPES.

Subject to the restrictions and limitations specified, the following accessory buildings and uses shall be permitted in zones where Residential and Agricultural Use Types are permitted:
[...]

- z. Small Wind Turbine. A small wind turbine shall be allowed in accordance with the Renewable Energy Regulations commencing at Section 6951.
- aa. Organic Materials Processing. Organic materials processing shall be allowed in accordance with Section 6977 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 7. Section 6912 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

6912 COMMUNITY GARDENS.

Community Gardens are allowed in all zones where Tree Crops or Row and Field Crops are permitted, subject to the following regulations:

- a. Hours of Operation. Hours of operation shall be limited to the hours between sunrise and sunset.
- b. Permitted structures. Accessory structures, such as storage sheds for tools and other supplies, greenhouses and/or an Agricultural Stand, may be allowed in a community

garden pursuant to Section 6156.

- c. Parking. A minimum of 2 parking spaces shall be provided on the lot when there is no onstreet parking allowed adjacent to the community garden property.
- d. Water Use. Wasting water is prohibited pursuant to County Code Section 86.725. Water efficient irrigation techniques such as drip irrigation and timers to control watering times are encouraged. All hoses shall be equipped with a trigger nozzle. Mulching of planted areas is encouraged to retain plant moisture.
- e. Composting. Composting and other organic materials processing may be performed onsite in accordance with Section 6977 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- f. Organic Gardening. Organic gardening is strongly encouraged.
- g. Trash/Recycling Receptacles. Trash and recycling receptacles shall be provided onsite for the proper disposal of refuse. The receptacles shall be screened from adjacent properties by six-foot high solid fencing. Refuse shall be removed from the site regularly so that the receptacle area and the lot are kept free from litter.
- h. Sale of Produce and Plants. Sale of produce or plants raised on the site is allowed only from a permitted Agricultural Stand, subject to all provisions of 6156.q. Otherwise, onsite sales of produce, plants or any other items are prohibited.
- Prohibited plants. Planting illegal or invasive plants, as defined in County Code Section 86.701 et seq., shall be prohibited.

All other applicable codes and ordinances shall apply to Community Gardens, including but not limited to Groundwater Ordinance, Grading Ordinance and Noise Ordinance. Applicable permits from other departments or agencies may be required.

Section 8. Section 1513 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

1513 RECYCLING PROCESSING FACILITY.

The Recycling Processing Facility use type refers to establishments or places primarily engaged in processing recyclable materials for the purpose of resource recovery. Processing means the preparation of materials by one or more of the following means: baling, briquetting, compacting, flattening, grinding, crushing, mechanical sorting, shredding and cleaning. Recycling processing facilities include the following:

a. Recycling Processing Facility, Light: A light processing facility is limited to baling, briquetting, crushing, compacting, grinding, shredding and sorting of source separated recyclable materials and repairing of

reusable products sufficient to qualify as a certified recycling facility. A light processing facility shall not shred, compact, or bale ferrous metals other than food and beverage containers.

- b. Recycling Processing Facility, Heavy: Any facility, other than a light recycling processing facility or scrap operation for processing of recyclable materials.
- c. Recycling Processing Facility, Wood and Green Materials: A facility devoted exclusively to grinding, shredding, splitting or chopping, (including sawing) of wood and/or green waste.

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d. the processing of organic materials in accordance with Section 6977 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 9. Section 1730 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: 1730 LARGE COMMERCIAL ORGANIC PROCESSING.

The Large Commercial Organic Processing use type refers to the organic material processing as a primary use for commercial scale operations to divert organic materials from landfills

Section 10. Section 1735 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: 1735 PACKING AND PROCESSING.

Packing and Processing refers to packing and processing of fresh agricultural products and does not include cooking, canning, tanning, rendering and reducing operations which are general industrial uses. Following are categories of Packing and Processing use types:

- a. Packing and Processing: Limited. The customary preparation for market of fresh produce, flowers, feed, fiber, milk, eggs, rabbits, poultry and other similarly sized small or specialty animals raised for human consumption, produced on the same premises as the packing and processing operation. These products shall be considered to be produced on the same premises if they are solely grown or produced on land owned or operated by the same person who owns or operates the packing and processing facility.
- b. Packing and Processing: General. The customary preparation for market of fresh produce, flowers, feed, fiber, milk, eggs, rabbits, poultry and other similarly sized small or specialty animals raised for human consumption, produced on premises other than that upon which the packing and processing operation is located.
- c. Packing and Processing: Support. Fabrication, assembly, reconditioning and sale of boxes, cartons, crates and pallets for handling and transporting crops provided this use is

secondary to agricultural or horticultural production on the premises.

- d. Packing and Processing: Winery. Crushing of grapes, berries and other fruits and fermentation, storage and bottling of wine from fruit grown on or off the premises. A Winery may also include a tasting room and retail outlet as secondary uses.
- e. Packing and Processing: Small Winery. Crushing of grapes, berries and other fruits and fermentation, storage and bottling of less than or equal to 120,000 gallon of wine per year.

 A Small Winery may also include a tasting room and retail outlet as secondary uses.
- f. Packing and Processing: Boutique Winery. Crushing of grapes, berries and other fruits and fermentation, storage and bottling of up to 12,000 gallons of wine per year. A Boutique Winery may also include a tasting room and retail outlet as secondary uses.

 g. Packing and Processing: Wholesale Limited Winery. Crushing of grapes, berries and other fruits for the fermentation, storage, bottling and wholesaling of up to 12,000 gallons of wine
 - h. Packing and Processing: Organic Materials. Organic Materials Processing as defined by Section 6977 of the Zoning Ordinance may only occur in accordance with that section.

Section 11. Section 6975 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: 6975 RECYCLING PROCESSING FACILITY.

The Recycling Processing Facility Use Type (as defined at Section 1513) is a permitted use in the specified Use Regulations when conducted in accordance with the following:

a. Recycling Processing Facility, Light

per year.

- 1. In a Commercial or Industrial Use Regulation upon meeting the criteria set forth in this section commencing at subsection a.2. below;
- 2. All operations shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building except as follows:
 - i. In the C37, C38 and C40 Commercial Use Regulations and the M54 and M58 Industrial Use Regulations, a light recycling processing facility may be conducted outside of buildings if the property on which the facility is located does not abut a property zoned or planned for residential use.
 - ii. Notwithstanding the Enclosure Regulations, in any other Commercial or Industrial Use Regulation, a Minor Use Permit may be granted for an alternative type of enclosure such as a wall or view-obscuring fence not

less than 8 feet in height and landscaped on all street frontages;

- Power-driven processing shall be permitted, provided all requirements of the Performance Standards commencing at Section 6300 are met;
- 4. A light processing facility shall be no larger than 45,000 square feet and shall have no more than an average of 2 outbound truck shipments of material per day;
- 5. Setbacks and landscaping requirements shall be those required by the zone in which the facility is located;
- 6. All exterior storage of material shall be in sturdy containers or enclosures which are covered, secured, and maintained in good condition, or shall be baled or palletized. Storage containers for flammable material shall be constructed of non-flammable material. Oil storage must be in containers approved by the Local fire and/or Health Official. No storage, excluding truck trailers and overseas containers, shall be visible above the height of the fencing;
- 7. Site shall be maintained free of litter and any other undesirable materials, and shall be cleaned of loose debris on a daily basis and shall be secured from unauthorized entry and removal of materials when attendants are not present;
- 8. Space shall be provided on the site for the anticipated peak load of customers to circulate, park and deposit recyclable materials. If the facility is open to the public, space shall be provided for a minimum of 10 customers or the peak load, whichever is higher, except where the Director determines that allowing overflow traffic is compatible with surrounding businesses and public safety;
- 9. One parking space shall be provided for each commercial vehicle operated by the processing center.
- 10. Noise levels shall not exceed 60 dBA as measured at the property line of residentially zoned or occupied property, or otherwise shall not exceed the following:

70 dBA in any Commercial Use Regulation (Except C31)

55 dBA in the C31 Use Regulation

75 dBA in the M54 and M58 Use Regulations;

11. If the facility is located within 500 feet of property zoned or planned for residential

shall be attended by on-site personnel during the hours the facility is open;

12. Any containers provided for after-hours donation of recyclable materials shall be at least 50 feet from any property zoned or occupied for residential use; shall be of sturdy,

rustproof construction; shall have sufficient capacity to accommodate materials

collected; and shall be secure from unauthorized entry or removal of materials;

use, it shall not be in operation between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The facility

- 13. Donation areas shall be kept free of litter and any other undesirable material. The containers shall be clearly marked to identify the type of material that may be deposited. Facility shall display a notice stating that no material shall be left outside the recycling containers;
- 14. Signs shall comply with the On-Premise Sign Regulations. In addition, facility shall be clearly marked with the name and phone number of the facility operator and the hours of operation;
- 15. Air contaminants including but not limited to smoke, charred paper, dust, grime, carbon, noxious acids, fumes, gases, odors, or particulate matter, or any emissions that endanger human health, cause damage to vegetation or property or cause soiling, vibration or noise above levels allowed by the Performance Standards commencing at Section 6300, shall not be permitted.
- 16. Incidental sale of products produced from recycled material is allowed on-site.
- b. Recycling Processing Facility, Heavy
- 1. In a C37, C38 or C40 Commercial Use Regulation or M54 or M58 Industrial Use Regulation upon meeting the criteria for a light recycling processing facility as set forth above in this section commencing at subsection a.2.;
- 2. In any other Commercial or Industrial Use Regulation upon the issuance of a Major Use Permit. The conditions of said Major Use Permit shall require compliance with the criteria for a light recycling processing facility as set forth above in this section commencing at subsection a.2. as well as any others necessary in order to make the findings required for the granting of a Major Use Permit.
- c. Recycling Processing Facility, Wood and Green Materials
- 1. A facility devoted exclusively to the processing (not including composting) of wood and green materials is considered a General Industrial Use Type, and as

such, shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations applicable to said Use Type except that a Wood and Green Materials Recycling Processing Facility may be permitted in an Agricultural or Special Purpose Use Regulation upon issuance of a Minor Use Permit. The conditions of said Minor Use Permit shall require compliance with the criteria for a light recycling processing facility as set forth above in this section commencing at subsection a.2., except for the requirement that the operations be conducted entirely within an enclosed building; except for the requirements of subsection a.4 relating to size and scope of operation; subsection a.6. relating to storage within containers; and, subsection a.10. relating to noise level limits. The conditions of the Minor Use Permit shall address the above-mentioned requirements as well as any others necessary in order to make the findings required for the granting of a Minor Use Permit. Said Minor Use Permit may include composting of wood and/or green waste provided the conditions relating to composting are satisfactory to the Director of the Department of Public Works.

- d. Organic Materials Processing
- 1. A facility engaged in the processing (including composting) of wood and green materials in accordance with section 6977 of the Zoning Code is governed by the requirements of that section.

Section 12. Section 1740 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: 1740 AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE.

The Agricultural Equipment Storage use type refers to the storage and minor repair of farm implements and equipment including but not limited to vehicles, tractors, wagons, bailers, combines, fencing materials and irrigation pipe which are customarily used in tilling, harvesting, processing, and transporting plant or animal products when such storage is not accessory to agricultural use of the property and the property would otherwise be considered vacant, unproductive or only partly productive. The Agricultural Equipment Storage use type does not include the storage of pesticides or herbicides or the underground storage of fuel. Any use permit granted for Agricultural Equipment Storage shall include a finding that said equipment is necessary for agricultural operations located a reasonable distance from the storage site on land owned or leased by the same person owning or leasing the storage site.

Section 13. Section 2702 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

2702 PERMITTED USES. The following use types are permitted by the A70 Use Regulations:

a. Residential Use Types.

Family Residential

b. Civic Use Types.

Essential Services

Fire Protection Services (see Section 6905)

c. Agricultural Use Types.

Horticulture (all types)

Tree Crops

Row and Field Crops

Packing and Processing: Limited

Organic Materials Processing (see Section 6977)

Section 14. Section 2703 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

2703 PERMITTED USES SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS. The following use types are permitted by the A70 Use Regulations subject to the applicable provisions of Section 2980. The number in quotes following the use type refers to the subsection of Section 2980 which applies.

a. Residential Use Types

Mobile home Residential "18"

b. Commercial Use Types

Animal Sales and Services: Veterinary (Large Animals) "6"

Animal Sales and Services: Veterinary (Small Animals) "6"

Recycling Collection Facility, Small "2"

Recycling Processing Facility, Wood and Green Materials "3"

c. Agricultural Use Types

Packing and Processing: Small Winery "22" (see Section 6910)

Packing and Processing: Boutique Winery "22" (see Section 6910)

Packing and Processing: Wholesale Limited Winery "22" (see Section 6910)

Packing and Processing: General "23" (see Section 6157)

Organic Materials Processing (see Section 6977)

Section 15. Section 2704 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

2704 USES SUBJECT TO A MINOR USE PERMIT. The following use types are allowed by the A70 Use Regulations upon issuance of a Minor Use Permit.

a. Civic Use Types.

Law Enforcement Services

Minor Impact Utilities

Small Schools

b. Agricultural Use Types.

Farm Labor Camps

Organic Materials Processing (see Section 6977)

c. Commercial Use Types.

Cottage Industries "17" (see Section 6920)

Section 16. Section 2705 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

2705 USES SUBJECT TO A MAJOR USE PERMIT. The following use types are permitted by the A70 Use Regulations upon issuance of a Major Use Permit.

a. Residential Use Types.

Group Residential

b. Civic Use Types.

Administrative Services

Ambulance Services

Child Care Center Civic, Fraternal or Religious Assembly

Clinic Services

Community Recreation

Cultural Exhibits and Library Services

Group Care

Major Impact Services and Utilities

Parking Services Postal Services

c. Commercial Use Types.

Agricultural and Horticultural Sales (all types)

Explosive Storage (see Section 6904)

Participant Sports and Recreation: Outdoor

Transient Habitation: Campground (see Section 6450)
Transient Habitation: Resort (see Section 6400)

Organic Materials Processing (see Section 6977)

d. Agricultural Use Types.

Agricultural Equipment Storage

Packing and Processing: Winery

Packing and Processing: Support

Organic Materials Processing (see Section 6977)

Section 17. Section 2980 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

2980 LIMITATIONS ON PERMITTED USE (3 & 23).

The following limitations apply to the uses indicated by the corresponding number in quotes in the previous sections entitled "Permitted Uses Subject to Limitations."

[...]

"23" Packing and Processing: General. Allowed as an accessory use to Commercial Agriculture subject to the provisions of Section 6157.g. Allowed as a primary use of a property upon issuance of a Major Use *Permit.*

"24" Organic Materials Processing. Allowed subject to the provisions of Section 6977.

Section 18. Section 2990 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows: 2990 USE MATRIX.

THE ZONING ORDINANCE - COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

USE & ENCLOSURE MATRICES: COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USE TYPES

The following Use & Enclosure Matrices reflect changes in Commercial and Agricultural Use Types resulting from the Organic Materials Ordinance Update Project.

USE & ENCLOSURE MATRIX

SUMMARY PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2990 AND 6816

NOTE: This matrix is a summary only. For complete regulations see appropriate sections of The Zoning Ordinance. In case of conflict between the provisions graphically represented in this matrix and the provisions set forth in the text of The Zoning Ordinance, the provisions of The Zoning Ordinance shall apply.

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Section 19. Section 7359 of the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

7359 FINDINGS REQUIRED FOR PARTICULAR USE PERMITS.

Before a use permit may be granted or modified for a "Specific Hazardous Waste Facility Project" as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25199.1, or a "Large Wind Turbine" as defined in Section 1110, "Organic Materials Processing" as defined by Section 6977, or "Large Commercial Organic Processing" as defined in Section 6902, the following provisions shall be met:

[...]

- c. Organic Materials Processing. In addition to the findings required by Section 7358, it shall be found that proposed facility complies with siting, operational, and other criteria as specified in 6977.
- d. Large Commercial Organic Processing. In addition to the findings required by Section 7358, it shall be found that proposed facility complies with siting, operational, and other criteria as specified in 6902.

Section 20. Title 6 Division 8, Chapter 5 of the County of San Diego Code of Regulatory Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

County of San Diego - Title 6 Health and Sanitation Cross Reference Summary

Division 8. Unified Program, Sewage and Solid Waste Disposal, Chapter 5. Management of Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, Organic Waste, Construction and Demolition Debris, Article IV. Non-Exclusive Agreement or Certified Recyclables Material Collector Certificate Required for Collection

Section 68.531. Exemptions
[...]

(g) A person or non-profit entity that collects organic materials from service recipients, for the purpose of recycling or processing in a community composting facility as defined in section 6977 d. and e. This person or non-profit entity may collect fees to offset the collection costs.

Section 21. This ordinance shall take affect thirty (30) days after its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage a summary shall be published, with the names of the members of this Board voting for and against the same, once in a local newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego, State of California.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this ____th day of _____, 2022.

Approved as to form and legality

By: Randall Sjoblom, Senior Deputy County Counsel